

and main rotator means for connecting each input port cyclically to a timeslot of the central switching unit.

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~~10~~. The switch as claimed in Claim ¹~~9~~; and further comprising a second rotator means to connect each timeslot of the central switching unit cyclically to each output port.

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~~11~~. The switch as claimed in Claim ¹~~9~~, wherein the main rotator means comprises a single stage of rotators.

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~~12~~. The switch as claimed in Claim ¹~~9~~, wherein the main rotator means comprises multi-stage rotators.

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~~13~~. The switch as claimed in Claim ²~~10~~, wherein each rotator means comprises a single stage of rotators.

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~~14~~. The switch as claimed in Claim ²~~10~~, wherein each rotator means comprises multi-stage rotators. --

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested clarification of the term "CLOS" at page 4, line 6 of the specification. CLOS is a standard term used in switch traffic modeling, named after a gentleman named CLOS who demonstrated that for a switch to be non-blocking with N inputs, the switch has to have at least $2N-1$ paths across its center. Thus, the meaning of the phrase cited is that the capacity would be less than that of a switch conforming to the CLOS standard.

Continuation information has been provided on page 1 of the application.